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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6715
INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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FOR EA

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SUBJECT: LEASING OF FORMER AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE,
TAIPEI

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1. THE FORMER AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN TAIPEI HAS BEEN LYING UNOCCUPIED FOR A LONG PERIOD. IN SEARCHING FOR A NEW RESIDENCE FOR THE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, WE HAVE LOOKED AT THIS PROPERTY AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN NEGOTIATING ITS LEASE WITH THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH OUR EMBASSY CANBERRA, IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTIONS. OUR PROPOSED APPROACH TO THE GOA WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

A. YOUR FORMER AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, TAIPEI, LIES UNOCCUPIED AND BADLY DETERIORATING. IT NEEDS COMPLETE REPAIRS AND REPAINTING INSIDE AND OUTSIDE, NEW SCREENS ON ALL WINDOWS, SWIMMING POOL REPAIRS AND SOME STRUCTURAL REPAIRS. IN ADDITION, THE FURNITURE IN THE RESIDENCE NEEDS REPOLISHING AND RECOVERING OF MOST PIECES. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE TOTAL RENOVATION COSTS WITHOUT A DETAILED SURVEY BUT WOULD GUESS WOULD COME TO AT LEAST \$5,000.

B. AMERICAN EMBASSY COULD UTILIZE RESIDENCE FOR ONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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OF OUR OFFICERS IF GOA PREPARED TO ACCEPT THREE YEAR LEASE, WITH OPTION TO RENEW, AND FUND COSTS OF RESTORING IT AS INDICATED ABOVE. WE WOULD PROPOSE LEASE AT \$300-\$400 MONTHLY. COSTS OF RESTORATION WOULD BE PAID BY LEASEE

USING MONTHLY RENTAL PAYMENTS UNTIL HOUSE TOTALLY
RESTORED.

C. ADVISE IF ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS SATISFACTORY AND IF
TSAR AND TSAI LAW FIRM, TAIPEI, EMPOWERED TO NEGOTIATE AND
SIGN LEASE.

2. THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THE ABOVE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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